WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
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Split
WHAT DID YOU HIDE?
IT'S IT'S NOTHING.
QUICK! STOP FATTY! SNATCH THAT BALL AWAY!
GIMME BACK!
HUH? I CAN'T MOVE ANYMORE?

THE WEATHER IS NOT TOO BAD.

TANG — XIAO — SAN!!

WHAT'S INSIDE?

WHO GAVE IT TO YOU?

HALL MASTER MA, PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE.

THERE'S SOMETHING THIS OLD MAN WANT'S TO TALK ABOUT WITH YOU.

SHREK BACK STREET

THE JOURNEY TO TH
THE OCEANUS ISLAN
IS A LONG AND
PERILOUS WAY AND
HAVE ONLY ONE
GRANDDAUGHTER
WHO IS DEAR TO ME,
REALLY CAN'T HELP

PLEASE, LOOK AFTER HER HILE YOU'RE ON THE WA
TO THE ISLAND.

REST ASSURED

YOU HAVE MY WORD THAT SHE WON'T GO HUNGRY

HEAR ME OUT NO MATTER IF SHE RETURNS OR NOT, I CAN ONLY PROMISE THAT SHE'LL PUT ON SOME WEIGHT.

MANGATOON

IF THERE'S NOTHING ELSE, I'LL KEEP ON LOOKING FOR SOME SNACK RECIPES.

I'LL BE LEAVING FIRST.

OOOOH HALL MASTER MA.

OUR CLAN LEADER HAS LEFT A LETTER FOR YOU.

WHY DID HE NOT SAY IT DIRECTLY TO ME AND WRITE A LETTER INSTEAD?

To the Hall Master Ma Hong Jun:
As a man of nobility with far-reaching aspirations, you must embark on a lone voyage for your country and its people. Allow me to congratulate you on your success of travelling to the South Sea. Such grand ambitions are rare in this world. This old man sighs and grieves, though his heart is looking forward, he cannot escape Time's Scythe.

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GIVE IT BACK!

I'LL LET YOU EAT MY

AS MAN APPROACHES THE SENILE AGE, HIS BODY DECAYS BUT HIS MIND OVERFLOWS WITH MUSINGS AND REVERIES. THEY ARE INDEED RIDICULOUS BUT

THERE ARE MANY THINGS GOING THROUGH MY MIND,ESPECIALLY REGARDING MY GRANDDAUGHTER CHEN XIANG. THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE FOR A WOMAN LIKE HER AND THIS OLD MAN IS OBVIOUSLY HAPPY FOR HER.

But I often brood over the countless number of months, even years, it will take for this journey to the South Sea.
She is a girl in the bloom of youth and she has yet to consult the matchmaker nor is she betrothed.
To delay it till the completion of this glorious mission, woudn't that be a sin against the spring of life, and insult to the heydays of youth?
HUH? IS HE TALKING ABOUT MARRIAGE?
OSCAR, YOU BASTARD, GIVE IT BACK AT ONCE.
OTHERWISE !
HONG HONG HONG
HELLFIRE PHOENIX SECOND TRANSFORMATION
THREATENING ME?
I'M SO SCARED.
YOU WILL SUFFER A GREAT DEAL!
I AM THREATENING YOU. SO WHAT?
CRACK
BUM!

I'M A LITTLE BIT HUNGRY.
ZHU QING, YOU...
YOU ARE ALL BULLYING ME!

QUICK, KEEP ON READING!
IT IS TRUE THAT EVERYTHING IS BOUND TO CHANGE
I SEE A REFINED AND DISTINGUISHED MAN IN YOUR ESTEEMED SELF, GRACEFUL IN HIS BEARING, ELEGANT IN HIS

...WHAT ARE THEY FUSSING OVER?

MOREOVER, YOUR HOROSCOPE IS COMPATIBLE WITH CHEN XIANG [I'VE ASKED YOUR HEADMASTER, FLENDER]
IT WOULD BE MY GREATEST HONOUR TO HAVE YOUU AS MY SON-IN-LAW.
ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ME?

MANGATOON

I HOPE YOUR ESTEEMED SELF WILL TAKE THESE FEELINGS INTO CONSIDERATION.
IF THIS OLD MAN LEAVES THIS WORLD BEFORE THE FAR-OFF DAY THAT YOU WILL MAKE YOUR RETURN... (Lowers his
...THEN LET THIS LETTER BE CONSIDERED AS...(Lower his voice more and more)

A BETROTHAL...
eH????!!!!!

GOD...IT'S A LITTLE HARD FOR ME TO GRASP THIS.
MY HEART IS PUMPING A LITTLE FAST.
DOES THIS OLD MAN HAVE A SCREW LOOSE?

IF I UNDERSTAND IT CORRECTLY,
HE WANTS FATTY...

...TO MARRY XIANG XIANG?!!

MANGATOON

MARRY WHO?
HER/HIM?
TSK!
PFFF!
HMPH!
HA, HAHA. XIANG XIANG, WHY DID YOU COME BACK?
EAT!
MANGATOON

STUPID FATTY, IT'S TIME TO EAT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

TRAIN!

THIS IS MESSED

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I HAVE SEEN HIM NOT EATING EVEN

THAT STUPID FATTY ISN'T...

TAKING THIS THING TOO PERSONALLY, IS HE?

MANGA TOON

WE ARE ALL GOING TO EAT, YOU CAN DO AS YOU PLEASE!
EH? LEAVE SOME FOR ME!
SLURP...
YUM, SO TASTY.
COUGH!
HAH A, HAH A.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE THE TEST IS TOO DIFFICULT. EVERYBODY CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL PRESSURED.
AN AWKWARD BUT POLITE SMILE

TANG XIAO SAN. IT'S YOUR TURN, SAY SOMETHING THAT WILL MAKE EVERYBODY CHILL OUT.
FORCIBLY CHA
COUGH COUGH. FOR EXAMPLE?
FOR EXAMPLE, SOMETHING ALONG THE LINE OF "WE TRAVELED FEARLESSLY UP HILLS AND DOWN VALLEYS FOR MANY MILES TO OBTAIN..."
GOT CALLED OUT
HUH, SO...
LET'S TALK ABOUT THE STAIRCASE IN FRONT OF US.
IT HOLDS THE FIERCE AND ENORMOUS SOUL ENERGY FOR OUR BODIES TO TRAIN AND TEMPER THEM.
QUICK IMPROVEMENT, THAT'S THE GREATEST BENEFIT.
YEAH, WISE WORDS, YOUR RHETORIC SKILL WAS SUPERLATIVE AS WELL.
BUT...
CRACK
DON'T STATE SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE IS ALREADY AWARE OF.
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OBVIOUSLY, APART FROM TRAINING AND TEMPERING THE BODIES, THERE'S ALSO THE SOUL ENERGY'S "ROBBING".
...HUH?
The first method, a SOUI master can train is "assimilation"
That is our normal training
The SOUI essences are spread far and wide, each one can improve thanks to talent or
It's advantage is that the improvement rate is Consistent but it's flaw is that it's
It's hard to break through the titled CONTRA realm even after training for all one's life with only this method.
THE SECOND METHOD IS "INHERITANCE".
TO INHERIT THE ENERGY CONTAINED IN THE SOUI RINGS AND THE SOUI BONES OR TO INHERIT THE GIFT OF OTHER
FOR EXAMPLE — IMMOLATION.
THE ADVANTAGE IS THAT IT IS FAST, BUT THE CHANCES ARE VERY SLIM.
HUMANS HAVE THE CHANCE TO ADD A TOTAL OF NINE RINGS TO A SOUI ESSENCE IN THEIR WHOLE
AS FOR SOUI BONES AND IMMOLATION, THEY ARE EVEN HARDER TO STUMBLE UPON.
AND THE THIRD ONE?
THE THIRD WAY IS— ROBBING!
DIRECT ABSORPTION OF THE SOUI BEAST'S AND EVEN THE SOUI
EIGHT SPIDER SPEARS?

EXACTLY.

BUT THE SOUL FORCE I ROBBED FROM THE EIGHT SPIDER SPEARS ARE TOO AGGRESSIVE FOR MY BLUE SILVER GRASS SOUI ESSENCE.

IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO DISSOLVE IT.

AND BECAUSE ITS PROPERTIES ARE OPPOSITE TO MY SOUI ESSENCE,

IT WILL ALSO HARM ME.

BUT,

FOR SOMEONE LIKE HONG JUN WHO HAS A SOUI ESSENCE WITH TOP- NOTCH ROBBING AND INCINERATING ABILITIES... OBVIOUSLY, THAT'S A COMPLETELY

Most importantly —— This place is provided with millions of different targets to "rob"!

THERE HAS TO BE A SUITABLE SOUL FORCE YOU CAN "ROB"!